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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC RECORDING-REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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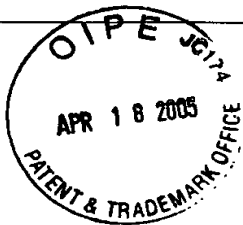
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